Unused Telecommunication Licenses

*66. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU :

SHRI GAYA SINGH :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 48 new licenses issued by Government in telecommunication are lying unused;

(b) if so. the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for delay in using these licenses and rectifying the hindrances;

(d) whether any action has been taken against the private operators for not using the licenses;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(0 if not. the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per the terms and conditions of the new licenses issued in telecommunications during last year (2001-2002), the licensee company gets a period of at least one year to fulfil the minimum roll out obligation. This time is given for the licensee company to get the various clearances before rolling out the services. So it cannot be said that the licenses are lying unused, as the period for start of roll out of service is not yet over.

(c) to (0 Do not arise in view of above.

Laying of Express Highway in Vishakhapatnam

*67. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in order to de-congest traffic in the city of Vishakhapatnam the National Highways Authority has decided to lay an express highway from Convent junction to Ayyaappa Temple junction;